

Notes to Photos and Illustrations  
(Images bear corresponding numbers)

*1. MacDermotRoe Coat of Arms*

Coats of arms were not used by the Gaels. However, during the English occupation, prominent Irish families adopted them in the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The motto of the MacDermotsRoe of Alderford in the 19<sup>th</sup> century was Honor and Virtue. However, the author published the coat of arms with a new motto, Justice and Charity which reflects the family's great charitable and public service tradition as Biatachs for the kingdom of Connaught.

*2. Alderford*

Alderford, which means ford by the alders, was the seat of the branch of the MacDermots Roe that controlled the iron mines and foundries in Kilronan Parish in the northeastern corner of County Roscommon. Conor MacDermot Roe, who received a grant of which included these properties from King James I in 1607, appears to have lived on this site. However, the present house dates from a later period and was substantially altered in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The last MacDermot Roe occupant was Thomas Charles MacDermot Roe, who died in 1913. The property was sold out of the family by Minnie Cairns, the daughter of his younger brother, Ffrench Fitzgerald.

*3. Thomas Charles MacDermot Roe (circa 1880)*

The last occupant of Alderford, Thomas MacDermot Roe (1845-1913), was the last MacDermot Roe chieftain in a line of Anglo-Irish chieftains descending by primogeniture from Conor, the 1607 grantee. A substantial landowner, he lived off his rents and held public offices in the English colonial government including sheriff of Counties Roscommon and Sligo.

This photo, which appears to be from a color drawing, was provided to the author by Conor MacDermot, the younger son of Dermot MacDermot, the author of MacDermot of Moylurg. Conor found the photo, not in a MacDermot Roe family, but in the estate of an unrelated family in Dublin.

Thomas wrote "Yours, MacDermott Roe" at the bottom and put three "x's" at the top. On the back of the photo was written the word "Never". The photo's

location and inscription suggest an unfulfilled romance as Thomas died a bachelor.

4. *CPT Ffrench Fitzgerald MacDermotRoe, Monaco (1916)*

Ffrench was a former officer in the British Army. He retired to and died in Monaco while his older brother remained at the family home Alderford. It was his daughter Minnie who sold Alderford out of the family in the 1920's.

5. *Catherine MacDermot Roe Fagan (circa 1875)*

Catherine (1827-1916) was the daughter of Patrick MacDermot Roe and Dorothy Irving and she was the mother of Henriette Elizabeth Fagan Simpson whose daughter Ursula (Pansy) was the mother of Henriette Elizabeth Meaney Thomas, the author's mother.

6. *Fire Zouaves at Willard Hotel Fire, Washington, D.C. (1861)*

On May 9, 1861, a fire threatened to engulf Washington's famous Willard Hotel. Although the local firemen did not respond, the First Fire Zouaves whose members included John MacDermot (Roe), Catherine's younger brother, were in the city awaiting deployment and immediately responded. With borrowed equipment, the New York City volunteer firemen turned soldiers quickly put out the fire. Their heroism was depicted in the May 25, 1861 edition of Harper's Weekly. The picture shows that the New Yorkers, lacking ladders, formed human pyramids to scale the outside of the hotel. Image licensed by New York City Fire Museum.

7. *Fire Zouaves at Bull Run, July 21, 1861*

This print by Civil War artist Don Troiani depicts the attack of JEB Stuart's cavalry on the First Fire Zouaves (11<sup>th</sup> NYS Vols) in which John MacDermot (Roe), Catherine's brother, served as a private in Company I. In the attack the Confederates captured Rickett's Battery and turned the battle in their favor. The Fire Zouaves lost 425 men, killed, wounded or missing - about 1/2 of the regiment. Image shown with artist's kind permission.

8. *Henriette Elizabeth Fagan and Timothy Simpson*

Henriette (1857-1939) and Timothy (1840-1919) were the parents of Ursula (Pansy) Simpson, the author's maternal grandmother. Photo of Henriette (Nettie) was probably taken at the time their marriage in 1878. The photo of Timothy, a tintype originally, was taken earlier, perhaps around 1870 about the time of his first marriage.

9. Simpson home, Athlone, Ireland (circa late 1800's)

This was the home of William Simpson and his wife Elizabeth Martin. It is probably located in or near Athlone in County Westmeath. Their child, Timothy was born there in 1840. After the death of William about 1847, John, the eldest son, immigrated to Troy, New York with Elizabeth and the other children following soon thereafter. The exact location of the house is not known. The photo was made by one of Timothy's sister's, Julia, who returned to visit Athlone in the late 1800's.

10. *Ursula (Pansy) Simpson Meaney* (circa 1945)

Pansy (1885-1974) was the mother of Henriette Elizabeth Meaney Thomas and maternal grandmother of the author. This photo was taken in Schenectady, New York.

11. *Michael J. Meaney and family* (circa 1895)

Michael (1850 - circa 1905), the son of Michael Meany and Mary Maroney, is shown with his wife, Catherine Kearney, and their children. The boy at the far left is Michael, Jr., the husband of Ursula Simpson and father of Henriette Meaney Thomas, the author's mother.

12. *Michael J. Meaney, Jr.* (circa 1955)

Michael, Jr. (1884-1965) married Ursula (Pansy) Simpson and was the father of Henriette Elizabeth Meaney Thomas and maternal grandfather of the author.

13. *SGT Kenneth Meaney* (1944 or 1945)

Kenneth Meaney (1922-1987) was the son of Michael Meaney and Ursula Simpson. He had an older brother, Michael, III, who died in infancy.

Kenneth is shown here during his service in World War II as a sergeant with the Army Air Corps. The photo was probably taken in Italy in 1944 or 1945.

*14. Billy Thomas at christening (circa 1915)*

William Theodore "Billy" Thomas (1915-1994) is shown with his parents, Theodore Thomas, son of Naum Thomas, and Cresave Fonda, daughter of Arthur Fonda and Vasilika Toklas, daughter of Athanasius Toklas at Billy's christening. Also, shown is Cresave's sister Vange.

*15. Billy Thomas baseball photo (circa 1938)*

Billy in center is pictured with two teammates on Union College's baseball team. The photo was taken in Schenectady, New York about 1938 for a local newspaper.

*16. Billy and Henriette Thomas (circa 1945)*

This photo may have been taken on an outing to Saratoga Springs, New York while the couple lived in Schenectady, New York.

*17. SGT Arthur Thomas (1945)*

Arthur is pictured in a publicity photo by an Army photographer during a break in the Battle of Okinawa in Japan in 1945 during World War II. Art, an infantry sergeant, served for a time with a mortar squad. He is pictured wearing the uniform shirt of a Japanese soldier who was killed during the battle.

*18. LT Ken and Bonnie MacDermotRoe (circa 1983)*

This photo was taken at the Marchand home in Greenwich, Connecticut shortly after Ken was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General Corps in 1983. At the time, his surname was Thomas, his father's surname.

*19. Marchand, Abeer and Hamza MacDermotRoe (2016)*

Taken while the family lived in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

20. *SGT Marchand MacDermotRoe and Hamza* (2016)

Easter dinner at the University Club in New York City. Since Ken joined the Club in 1979, holiday meals were often taken there by the family. Younger son, Conor, became a member in his own right later in 2016.

21. *Dolley MacDermotRoe* (2017)

Dolley MacDermotRoe, born July 16, 1991, the daughter of Ken and Bonnie, is shown by a lake in New Hampshire. The photo was taken about 5 years after her graduation from the University of New Hampshire.

22. *Conor MacDermotRoe* (2017)

Conor MacDermotRoe, born May 8, 1994, is the younger son of Ken and Bonnie. The photo was taken about 2 years after his graduation from the University of Connecticut.

23. *Conor MacDermotRoe and Daddy* (2004)

This photo of Conor and his father Ken MacDermotRoe was taken at the MacDermotRoe home on Midbrook Lane in Greenwich, Connecticut at Christmastime, 2004.

24. *MacDermotRoe family, foxhunting* (circa 2003)

The photo was taken prior to a fox hunt with longtime family friend Jim Culleton, Master of Foxhounds, Reedy Creek Hounds, McKenny, Virginia. Conor was only 9 years old at the time of his first hunt. Ken and Bonnie hunted for over 30 years with Jim at the Hidden Hollows Hounds, Holmdel, New Jersey where Jim was a whipper-in and the Abington Hills Hounds, Dalton, Pennsylvania and the Reedy Creek Hounds where Jim was the MFH.

25. *Jimmy Culleton, MFH* (circa 2008)

Bonnie and Ken met Jim in 1978 while he was teaching junior high school in Brooklyn during the day and running a stable he owned near Prospect Park, Brooklyn. They became friends of Jim and his mother Kay Gallagher and often visited their home near the stable. Over more than 30 years, they hunted with Jim in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. He taught March, Dolley and Conor to ride and hunt. It is difficult to imagine a person who had a more profound influence on our lives. We miss him very much.

*26. Herman and Simon Ottenberg (circa 1880)*

Herman (left) and Simon were among the brothers who took over their father's nationally prominent tobacco business. Herman was the brother of Caroline Ottenberg who married Jacob Heidenheim, ancestors of Bonnie Marchand MacDermotRoe. Simon was the ancestor of Dr. Reuben Ottenberg of New York City, a leading hematologist, father of Professor Simon Ottenberg, an expert on African art.

*27. Jacob Heidenheim and brother (circa 1875)*

The Heidenheim brothers had a dry goods business in lower Manhattan. The business was very prosperous and Jacob retired at a relatively young age. His brother in law, Herman Ottenberg, a bachelor, lived with Jacob and his wife Caroline Ottenberg Heidenheim.

*28. Zillah and Ernest Jaros (circa 1910)*

Parents of Ernesta Jaros Marchand who married Nathan Marchand, parents of Bonnie Marchand MacDermotRoe. Ernest who was in charge of advertising for Lazarus Brothers, predecessor to Federated Department Stores, at the company's headquarters in Ohio, later moved to New York City where he had his own advertising agency.

*29. Nat and Ernesta Marchand (circa 1975)*

Parents of Bonnie Marchand MacDermotRoe, the author's wife. Taken at the Marchand's home in Greenwich, Connecticut.